## Fruitbelt Trail Drop-In Design Sessions

We need your input to design the proposed two-mile long non-motorized trail in the former Fruitbelt railroad/AT&T corridor!

Date: Drop-In Times: Location: Thursday, September 30, 2021 11 am-1 pm & 4–6 pm (The session Flesher Field pavilion, 3664 South 9th Street, Kalamazoo, MI

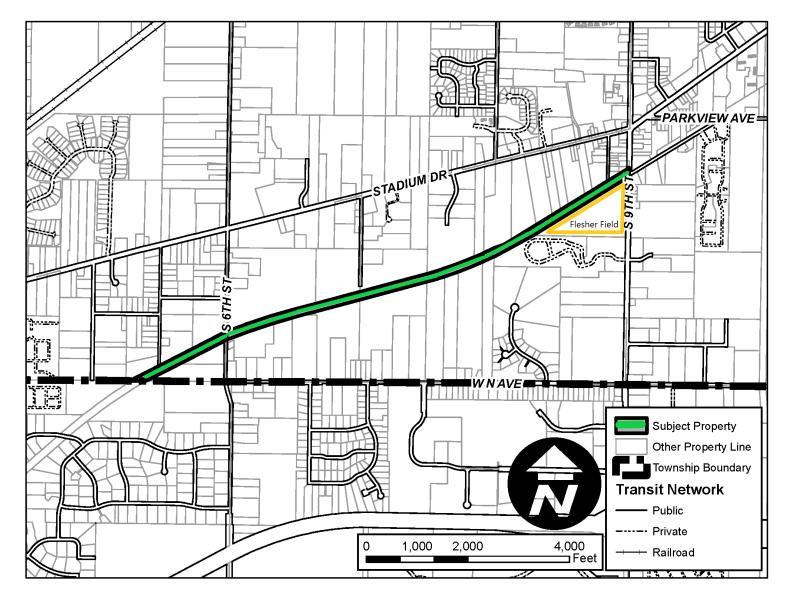
(The sessions are the same. Arrive when convenient, stay as long as you choose!)

- The first phase of the proposed trail will extend from Flesher Field, 3664 South 9th Street, to the Township's south border, approx. 400' west of O'Park Street. It will be located in the former Fruitbelt railroad corridor. (See map.)
- A crushed stone trail (similar to the Kal-Haven Trail surface) is envisioned. The proposed trail is intended for walking, jogging and bicycling. Motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, will not be permitted. Trail access, parking, and other amenities are from Flesher Field.
- Input is needed on issues such as trail width, amenities, signage, safety and security improvements, privacy of neighbors, maintenance and invasive species control. Your feedback will be used to create a conceptual plan that will be presented for public comment in late 2021 or early 2022.
- Oshtemo Township is considering an application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) to pay for construction of the proposed trail. Application deadline is April 1, 2022. Oshtemo was selected in December 2020 to receive a MNRTF acquisition grant to fund purchase of the property.
- A schedule of volunteer opportunities for trail building and maintenance will be available for anyone interested in getting involved.









## **Proposed Fruit Belt Trail Map**

## For more information, contact:

Karen High, Oshtemo Township Parks Director (269) 216-5233 or khigh@oshtemo.org







**Friends of the Parks**